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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR PROGRAMMING OF SRI LANKAN ON U.S. EMPLOY-  
MENT TRAINING TOUR

1. GSL HAS REQUESTED THE HELP OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
LABOR IN PROGRAMMING A.E.Z. FERNANDO ON 10-WEEK TOUR OF  
FOREMAN TRAINING PROGRAMS IN THE U.S. FERNANDO HAS BEEN  
NOMINATED FOR TOUR IN CONNECTION WITH A FOREMAN TRAINING  
INSTITUTE TO BE ESTABLISHED HERE UNDER HIS DIRECTORSHIP  
WITH THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE SWEDISH INTERNATIONAL DEVELOP-  
MENT AUTHORITY (SIDA).

2. GSL HOPES THAT FERNANDO VISIT CAN BEGIN BY EARLY  
AUGUST. TRIP WOULD INCLUDE STUDY OF THE U.S. CETA LAW  
AND APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING IN SEVERAL STATES AS WELL AS  
THE WORK OF SUCH PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTIONS AS THE AMERICAN  
MANAGEMENT SOCIETY OF NEW YORK. FERNANDO SUGGESTS THAT  
FOLLOWING HAVE WELL-ESTABLISHED FOREMAN TRAINING PROGRAMS  
THAT WOULD BE USEFUL TO OBSERVE: PRATT AND WHITNEY AIRCRAFT,  
EAST HARTFORD, CONN. (CONTACT ROBERT BARNES), STANLEY WORKS,  
NEW BRITAIN, CONN. (CONTACT GORDON BEALS), AND RCA, PRINCE-  
TON, N.J. OTHER INSTITUTIONS WITH PROGRAMS OF INTEREST  
INCLUDE THE CENTER FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION OF OHIO STATE  
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UNIVERSITY AND THE NON-FORMAL EDUCATION CENTER OF THE  
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN (CONTACT COLE BREMBECK).

3. FURTHER DETAILSOFTHEPROPOSEDTOURWEREPOUCHEDRECENTLY  
TO LONERGAN OF ILAB; A SUMMARY OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE NEW  
FOREMAN TRAINING INSTITUTE IS NOW BEING FORWARDED. THE IN-  
FORMATION THE GSL NEEDS MOST URGENTLY IS THE APPROXIMATE COST

OF THE PROPOSED PROGRAM AND WHETHER IT CAN BE SET UP BY AUGUST.

4. THE EMBASSY HOPES THAT THE US DOL WILL BE ABLE TO ASSIST IN THE PLANNING OF THIS TOUR. SUCH INTERNATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS ARE RARE HERE AND THE SPONSORSHIP OF THIS ONE IS INDICATIVE OF THE PRIORITY GIVEN TO THE NEW INSTITUTE BY SIDA AND THE GSL.

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